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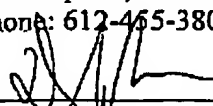
Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 1-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed November 15, 2005, said period of response being extended from February 15, 2006 to March 15, 2006.

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